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SUBJ: PRESS STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE
PARIS MEETINGS ON VIET-NAM

FOLLOWING IS THE PRESS STATEMENT BY USDEL RELEASED ON MAY 12
AT 1530 LOCAL TIME:

"THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE PARIS TALKS TODAY
REAFFIRMS ITS READINESS TO RETURN TO THE TALKS ON THE
BASIS STATED DURING THE MAY 4 MEETING. THE DELEGATION NOTES,
HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE WHILE DEMANDING A RESUMPTION
OF THE TALKS IS CAREFULLY AVOIDING ANY INDICATION OF FLEXIBILITY
OR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS BOTH SIDES' POSITIONS. THE AMERICAN
DELEGATION REGRETS THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE SEEMS TO PREFER
POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE IN PARIS BY ISSUING STATEMENTS MORE
NOTED FOR INVECTIVE THAN CONSTRUCTIVE LANGUAGE."
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